PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2007-197-W

APPLICATION OF UTILITIES SERVICES OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF ITS WATER UTILITY SYSTEM AND TERRITORY SERVING THE LAKEWOOD ESTATES AND ARROWHEAD SHORES SUBDIVISIONS IN LEXINGTON COUNTY TO CAROLINA WATER SERVICE, INC.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-704 (Supp. 2006), Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("Applicant" or "USSC") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of the transfer of its water utility system and territory serving the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivisions in Lexington County to Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS").

That Application reveals that USSC is a South Carolina corporation certificated to provide water and sewer services to the public for compensation in certain portions of South Carolina, including water service in the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivisions in Lexington County. The Applicant's Lakewood Estates/Arrowhead Shores water system currently serves approximately one hundred fifteen (115) residential customers, according to the Application. CWS is a public utility currently authorized to operate water and wastewater systems under the jurisdiction of the Commission in Lexington County. CWS serves certain subdivisions adjacent to the Lakewood Estates and Arrowhead Shores Subdivisions, including an existing development known as "Smallwood Estates" which currently serves approximately 116 water customers.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning these matters should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211 and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire at the above address on or before **June 18, 2007**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-197-W*.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **June 18, 2007**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-197-W*.

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **June 18, 2007**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2007-197-W*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

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